



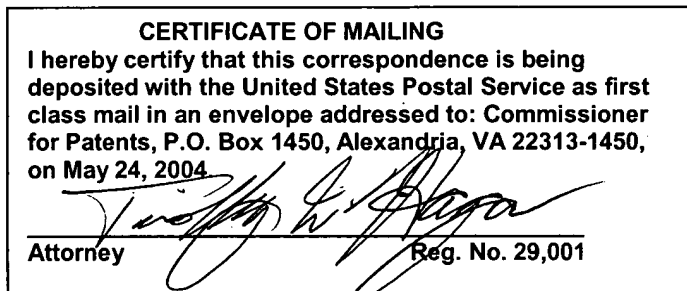
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Application of

Applicant : Howard E. Rhodes and Luan Tran  
Serial No : 09/008,531  
Filed : January 16, 1998  
Title : **METHOD OF MAKING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
HAVING IMPROVED CONTACTS**  
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Examiner : M. Trinh  
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby request a two (2) month extension of time in which to file their Brief on Appeal, making a response due on May 24, 2004. Our check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed with this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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